

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 71

BY SENATOR MARTINY

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides for the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2266.3, relative to criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs; to exempt the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish from certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2266.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2266.3. Criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs of Calcasieu, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes included herein

The criminalistics laboratories presently operated by the sheriff of Calcasieu Parish for Vernon, Allen, Beauregard, Jefferson Davis, Cameron, and Calcasieu parishes, by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, and by the sheriff of St. Tammany Parish are hereby authorized to operate within the terms and provisions of Chapter 13-B of this Title, as may be applicable, and to receive the benefits therein established, as fully as though ~~said~~ **the** laboratories were in fact operated by legislatively created and authorized criminalistics laboratory commissions; however, **except for the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, said those** sheriff's laboratories shall be required to provide criminalistics laboratory services

1 for such nearby surrounding parishes as may elect, upon the terms provided above,  
2 to participate in ~~said~~ the laboratories, within limitations as are reasonably developed  
3 by legislatively created criminalistics laboratory commissions, until such time as ~~said~~  
4 the laboratories may become operated by legislatively created criminalistics  
5 laboratory commissions. The criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of  
6 Calcasieu Parish shall be named and known as the Southwest Louisiana  
7 Criminalistics Laboratory.

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The original instrument was prepared by Cathy R. Wells. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Sherri H. Breaux.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides relative to criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs of Calcasieu, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes. Present law further requires such sheriff's laboratories to provide criminalistics laboratory services for nearby surrounding parishes.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish provide criminalistics laboratory services for nearby surrounding parishes.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 40:2266.3)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.